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Response Under 37 CFR 1.312  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: K. INOUE, et al.  
Application No.: 09/698,185  
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD  
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME  
Art Unit: 2827  
Examiner: L. Thai

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312**

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July 8, 2003

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 38 as follows:

38. (Amended) A semiconductor apparatus according to claim 36, wherein said particles are made of a same material as that of said second insulating layer.